

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Eric L. Hirschhorn, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration, Marisa Lago, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and Steven L. Jacques, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2889, to reauthorize the Surface Transportation Board, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 554, to improve the safety of motorcoaches, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1562, to provide for a study and report on research on the United States Arctic Ocean and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1609, to authorize a single fisheries cooperative for the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands longline catcher processor subsector;

S. 2852, to establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy;

S. 2856, to allow the United States-Canada Transboundary Resource Sharing Understanding to be considered an international agreement for the purposes of section 304(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2859, to reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000;

S. 583, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities;

H.R. 3819, to extend the commercial space transportation liability regime, an original bill entitled "Surface Transportation Board Reauthorization Act of 2009"; and

The nominations of Julie Simone Brill, of Vermont, and Edith Ramirez, of California, both to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, David L. Strickland, of Georgia, to be Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, Nicole Yvette Lamb-Hale, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Com-

merce, and Michael A. Khouri, of Kentucky, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, and routine lists in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps and Coast Guard.

CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance concluded a hearing to examine carbon monoxide poisoning, after receiving testimony from Kelvin J. Cochran, United States Fire Administrator, United States Fire Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Alan Korn, Safe Kids USA, Washington, D.C.; John Andres, Kidde Residential and Commercial, Mebane, North Carolina; and Cheryl Burt, Rochester, Minnesota.

PUBLIC LANDS AND FORESTS BILLS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 1470, to sustain the economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land and other public land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to release certain wilderness study areas, to designate new areas for recreation, S. 1719, to provide for the conveyance of certain parcels of land to the town of Alta, Utah, S. 1787, to reauthorize the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, H.R. 762, to validate final patent number 27-2005-0081, and H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, after receiving testimony from Senators Tester and Crapo; Harris Sherman, Undersecretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Edwin Roberson, Assistant Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioners, Dillon, Montana; Ronald Hurt, Fremont County, Saint Anthony, Idaho; Sherman Anderson, Sun Mountain Lumber Deer Lodge, Deer Lodge, Montana; Matthew Koehler, WildWest Institute, Missoula, Montana; Tim Baker, Montana Wilderness Association, Helena; and Christopher A. Wood, Trout Unlimited, Arlington, Virginia.

SAFEGUARDING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine prospects and proposals for our economic future and safeguarding the American dream, after receiving testimony from Senators Conrad and Gregg; Alan